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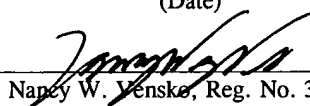
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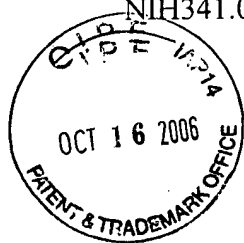
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The Government of the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services ("Assignee") is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the above-identified U.S. patent application ("the Application") as evidenced by an assignment recorded in the patent assignment records of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 13, 2006, at Reel 017786, Frame No. 0198. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), the undersigned certifies that he or she is authorized to act on behalf of the Assignee, has reviewed all of the evidentiary documents accompanying or referred to in this Substitute Power of Attorney and, that, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, title is in the Assignee.

The Assignee hereby revokes all previous powers of attorney and appoints the following attorneys and patent agents of the National Institutes of Health, Office of Technology Transfer, and of Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear, LLP, who are identified with the following Customer Number, to prosecute and transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected with the Application, including but not limited to receiving all documents issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office based thereon, paying any and all fees, including maintenance fees, filing for reissues and extensions, and requesting reexamination:

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